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DELIVER IN SEALED ENVELOPE TO LARRY EAGLEBURGER FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER.

**DECEMBER 13, 1973** 

TO:

HENRY A. KISSINGER

FROM: BRENT SCOWCROFT

I MET WITH SHALEV AND PASSED ON AT LENGTH THE MESSAGE CON-TAINED IN HAKTO 14.

SHALEV HAD BROUGHT WITH HIM A MESSAGE FOR YOU FROM THE PRIME MINISTER, IN AMPLIFICATION OF THAT GIVEN BY EBAN TO KEATING (TEL AVIV 10130). THE PRIME MINISTER SAYS SHE DOES NOT ACCEPT THE CHANGES IN THE LETTER, WHICH SHE DOES NOT CONSIDER MERELY A MATTER OF SEMANTICS BUT SUBSTANTIVE AND FAR REACHING MODIFICATIONS. ISRAEL HAS IN THE PAST SWALLOWED FAITS ACCOMPLIS BIT IS NOT ABLE TO DO SO THIS TIME.

ON-FILE NSC RELEASE INSTRUCTIONS APPLY

I THEN REITERATED THE ARGUMENTS, EMPHASIZING THE COMPLICATIONS WHICH DELAY WOULD CREATE IN NEW YORK WITH REGARD TO UN INVOLVEMENT AND THE GRAVE CONSEQUENCES WHICH COULD FLOW FROM A REFUSAL OF ISRAEL TO ATTEND THE CONFERENCE. I AM CONFIDENT HE FULLY UNDERSTOOD.

HE SAID THAT THE PRIME MINISTER WOULD BE MEETING INFORMALLY WITH SOME OF THE CABINET AND DINITZ TODAY AND THAT THERE WOULD BE A FULL CABINET MEETING ON FRIDAY.

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WARM REGARDS.

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State Dept. review completed

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